

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

SUBMITTING

*Estimates of appropriations from the State Department for foreign missions and United States consulates.*

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JULY 25, 1892.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
July 25, 1892.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, copy of a communication from the Secretary of State, of the 23d instant, in relation to the urgent necessity for additional appropriations, as follows:

For contingent expenses, foreign missions, 1892.....	\$10, 000
For contingent expenses, United States consulates, 1892.....	20, 000

Respectfully yours,

CHARLES FOSTER,  
Secretary.

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
Washington, July 23, 1892.

SIR: I have just learned from the First Comptroller of the Treasury that the appropriation for contingent expenses of foreign missions and contingent expenses of consulates for the fiscal year 1892, are now exhausted.

Many drafts drawn in good faith and justly by our ministers and consuls against these appropriations which are now before this Department for payment, and the many which will be presented during the next three months, will have have to be returned dishonored unless Congress shall make some provision to avert such a course, which would be very regrettable on account not only of the injury to our officers, but also of the injury to the credit of our Government.

I therefore have the honor to request that you will, with all possible

urgency, bring this matter to the attention of Congress, and ask that appropriations be made to enable us at least to save just drafts from dishonor.

At this early date after the close of the fiscal year, and with but very few of the last quarter's accounts before me, I can not accurately state the exact amount of deficiencies. I estimate, however, that \$10,000 will be required to meet the expense drafts of ministers and \$2,000 to meet those of consuls.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

JOHN W. FOSTER.

Hon. CHARLES FOSTER,  
*Secretary of the Treasury.*

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